

**EXHIBIT I  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

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I - Economic  
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Economic Impact of the  
Prairie Breeze Wind Energy Project

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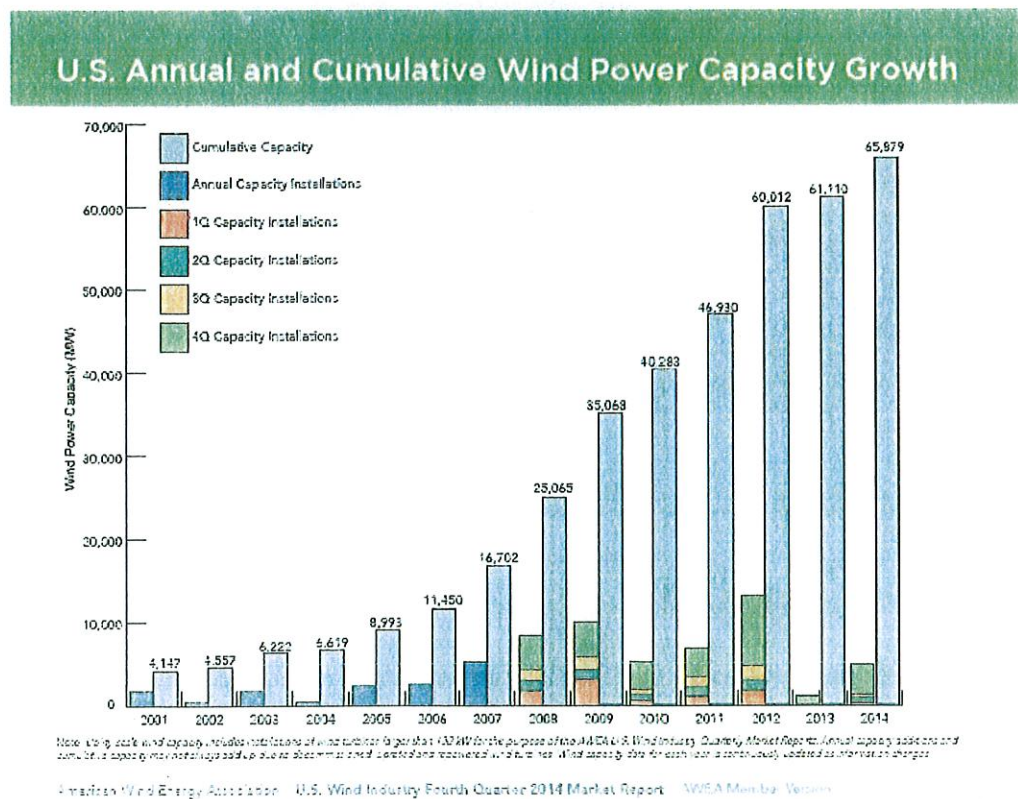
## II. U.S. Wind Industry Growth and Economic Development

### a. U.S. Wind Industry Growth

The U.S. wind industry grew at a rapid but uneven pace from 2006-2014. In 2012, the U.S. set a new record of 13,131 MW far surpassing the previous annual peak just over 10,000 MW of wind power installed in 2009. Due to the uncertainty surrounding wind energy policy, the industry only installed 1,087 MW in 2013. The industry rebounded in 2014 with 4,854 MW installed.

The total amount of wind capacity in the U.S. by the end of 2014 was 65,879 MW which is enough to power the equivalent of over 19 million homes. China is the global leader with 91.4 GW of installed capacity with Germany in third place with 34 GW of installed capacity (2013 figures). Figure 1 shows the growth in installed annual capacity and cumulative capacity in the U.S. and Figure 2 shows the state-by-state breakdown of installed capacity.

**Figure 1 - U.S. ANNUAL AND CUMULATIVE WIND POWER CAPACITY GROWTH (need to fix in final)**



**American Wind Energy Association, U.S. Wind Industry 4Q2014 Market Report**



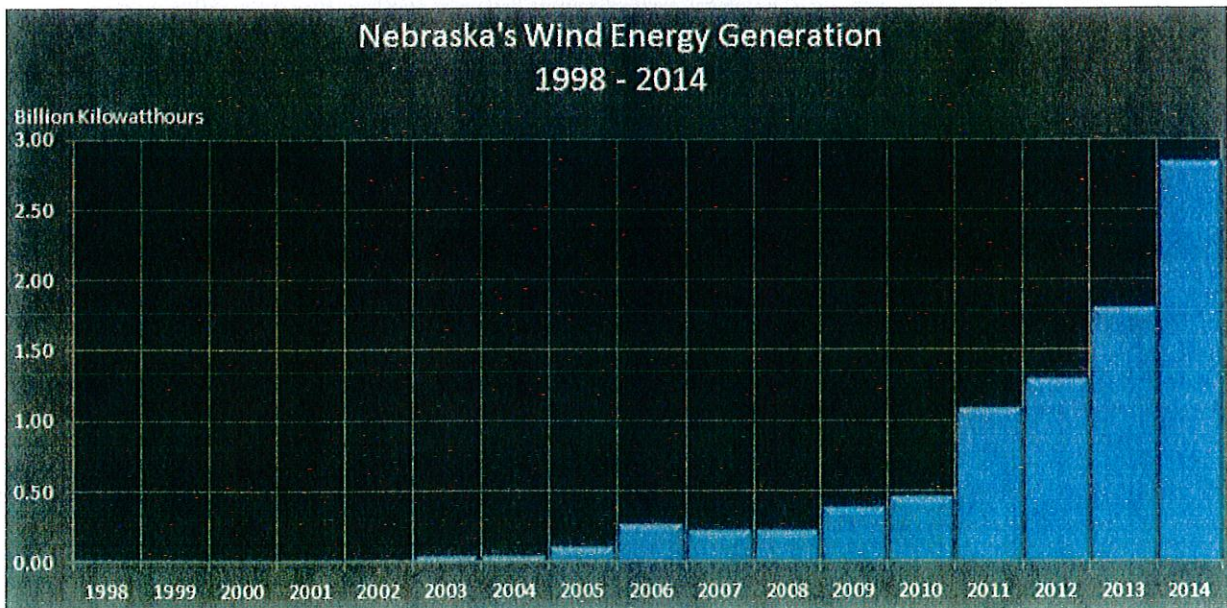
**Table 1 Nebraska Wind Farm Projects**

Wind Farm	Location	Capacity (MW)
Prairie Breeze Wind Farm	Antelope	200.0
Laredo Ridge Wind Farm	Petersburg	81.0
Elkhorn Ridge Wind Farm	Bloomfield	81.0
Broken Bow Wind Farm	Broken Bow	80.0
Broken Bow II Wind Farm	Broken Bow	75.0
Steele Flats Wind Farm	Steele City	74.8
Flat Water Wind Farm	Du Bois	60.0
Ainsworth Wind Farm	Ainsworth	59.4
Crofton Hills Wind Farm	Crofton	42.0
Petersburg Wind Farm	Petersburg	40.5
Kimball Wind Farm	Kimball	10.5
Springview II	Springview	3.0
Valentine Wind	Valentine	1.85
Salt Valley Wind Project	Lincoln	1.3
Valley Wind Turbine	Valley	0.7

[Insert Nebraska Wind Farm Map]

**Figure 3 Nebraska Wind Farm Map**

**Source:** Wind Development in Nebraska <http://www.neo.ne.gov/statshhtml/89.htm>



**Figure 4 Nebraska's Wind Energy Generation from 1998 to 2014**

**Source:** Wind Energy Generation in Nebraska <http://www.neo.ne.gov/statshhtml/89.htm>

b. Antelope County, Nebraska

Antelope County is located in the northeastern part of Nebraska (see Figure 5). It has a total area of 858 square miles and the U.S. Census estimates that the 2014 population was 6,398 with 3,287 housing units and a population density of 7.8 (persons per square mile) compared to 23.8 for the State of Nebraska. Median household income in the county was \$43,518 (2009-2013). As shown in Table 2, the largest industry is retail trade followed closely by health care and social assistance.

**Table 2 Employment by Industry in Antelope County**

Industry	Number	Percent
Retail trade	289	20.7%
Health care and social assistance	273	19.5%
Wholesale trade	250	17.9%
Other services(except public administration)	118	8.4%
Construction	104	7.4%
Manufacturing	92	6.6%
Finance and insurance	88	6.3%
Transportation and warehousing	36	2.6%
Accommodations and food services	20-99	1.4-7.1%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	20-99	1.4-7.1%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	0-20	0-1.4%
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	0-20	0-1.4%
Utilities	0-20	0-1.4%
Information	0-20	0-1.4%
Real estate and rental and leasing	0-20	0-1.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0-20	0-1.4%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	0-20	0-1.4%

Figure 3 – Map of Antelope County, Nebraska



a. Boone County, Nebraska

Boone County is located in the northeastern part of Nebraska adjacent to Antelope County (see Figure 6). It has a total area of 687 square miles and the U.S. Census estimates that the 2014 population was 5,353 with 2,643 housing units and a population density of 8.0 (persons per square mile) compared to 23.8 for the State of Nebraska. Median household income in the county was \$45,246 (2009-2013). As shown in Table 3, the largest industry is health care followed closely by wholesale trade and retail trade.

**Table 3 Employment by Industry in Boone County**

Industry	Number	Percent
Health care and social assistance	288	20.4%
Wholesale trade	263	18.6%
Retail trade	248	17.5%
Manufacturing	102	7.2%
Transportation and warehousing	91	6.4%
Accommodations and food services	80	5.7%
Construction	55	3.9%
Other services(except public administration)	44	3.1%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	28	2.0%
Finance and insurance	20-99	1.4-7.0%
Educational Services	20-99	1.4-7.0%
Real estate and rental and leasing	20-99	1.4-7.0%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	5	0.4%
Information	0-20	0-1.4%
Utilities	0-20	0-1.4%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	0-20	0-1.4%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	0-20	0-1.4%

Figure 3 – Map of Boone County, Nebraska

developed by Marshall Goldberg of MRG & Associates, under contract with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. The JEDI model utilizes state specific industry multipliers obtained from IMPLAN (Impact Analysis for PLANning). IMPLAN software and data are managed and updated by the Minnesota IMPLAN Group, Inc., using data collected at federal, state, and local levels. The JEDI model considers 14 aggregated industries that are impacted by the construction and operation of a wind farm: agriculture, construction, electrical equipment, fabricated metals, finance/insurance/real estate, government, machinery, mining, other manufacturing, other services, professional service, retail trade, transportation/communication/public utilities, and wholesale trade (Reategui et al., 2009). This study does not analyze net jobs. It analyzes the gross jobs that the new wind farm development supports.

**Direct impacts** during the construction period refer to the changes that occur in the onsite construction industries in which the direct final demand (i.e., spending on construction labor and services) change is made. Final demands are goods and services purchased for their ultimate use by the end user. Onsite construction-related services include engineering, design, and other professional services. Direct impacts during operating years refer to the final demand changes that occur in the onsite spending for wind farm workers. Direct jobs consist primarily of onsite construction and project development labor.

The initial spending on the construction and operation of the wind farm creates a second layer of impacts, referred to as “turbine and supply chain impacts” or “indirect impacts.” Indirect impacts during the construction period consist of the changes in inter-industry purchases resulting from the direct final demand changes, and include construction spending on materials and wind farm equipment and other purchases of goods and offsite services. Essentially, these impacts result from “spending related to project development and on-site labor such as equipment costs (turbines, blades, towers, transportation), manufacturing of components and supply chain inputs, materials (transformer, electrical, HV line extension, HV subinterconnection materials), and the supply chain of inputs required to produce these materials” (JEDI Support Team, 2009, 2). Concrete that is used in turbine foundations increases the demand for gravel, sand, and cement. As a result of the expenditure for concrete there is increased economic activity at quarries and cement factories and these changes are indirect impacts. The accountant for the construction firm and the banker who finances the contractor are both considered indirect impacts. All supply chain component impacts/manufacturing-related activities are included under indirect impacts; therefore, the late stage turbine assembly process, which includes gearbox assembly, blade production, and steel rolling are all included under the construction period indirect impacts category.

**Indirect impacts** during operating years refer to the changes in inter-industry purchases resulting from the direct final demand changes. Essentially, these impacts result from “expenditures related to on-site labor, materials, and services needed to operate the wind farms (e.g., vehicles, site maintenance, fees, permits, licenses, utilities, insurance, fuel, tools and supplies, replacement parts/equipment); the supply chain of inputs required to produce these goods and services; and project revenues that flow to the local economy in the form of land lease revenue, property tax revenue, and revenue to equity investors” (JEDI Support Team, 2009, 3). All land lease payments and property taxes show up in the operating-years portion of the results because these payments do not support the day-to-day operations and maintenance of the wind farm but instead are more of a latent effect that results from the wind farm being present (Eric Lantz, February 25, 2009, e-mail message to Jennifer Hinman).

**Induced impacts** during construction refer to the changes that occur in household spending as household income increases or decreases due to the direct and indirect effects of final demand changes.



	Antelope County	Boone County	Antelope/Boone Region	State of Nebraska
<b>Construction</b>				
Project Development and Onsite Labor Impacts	92	25	135	156
Turbine and Supply Chain Impacts	210	38	231	745
Induced Impacts	93	13	88	331
<i>New Local Jobs during Construction</i>	395	76	455	1,232
<b>Operations</b>				
Onsite Labor Impacts	11	3	18	18
Local Revenue and Supply Chain Impacts	11	3	13	19
Induced Impacts	5	3	5	11
<i>New Local Long Term Jobs</i>	27	9	35	47

The results from the JEDI model show significant employment impacts from the Prairie Breeze Wind Farm. Employment impacts can be broken down into several different components. Direct jobs created during the construction phase typically last anywhere from 6 months to over a year depending on the size of the project; however, the direct job numbers present in Table 2 from the JEDI model are based on a full time equivalent (FTE) basis for a year. In other words, 1 job = 1 FTE = 2,080 hours worked in a year. A part time or temporary job would constitute only a fraction of a job according to the JEDI model. For example, the JEDI model results show 395 new jobs during construction in Antelope County, though the construction of the wind farms may actually involve hiring closer to 790 workers for 6 months. Thus, due to the short-term nature of construction projects, the JEDI model significantly understates the number of people actually hired to work on the project. It is important to keep this fact in mind when looking at the numbers or when reporting the numbers.

As shown in Table 2, new local jobs created or retained during construction total 395 for Antelope County, 76 for Boone County, 455 for the region and 1,232 for the State of Nebraska. New local long term jobs created from the Prairie Breeze Wind Farm total 27 for Antelope County, 9 for Boone County, 35 for the region and 47 for the State of Nebraska.

Direct jobs created during the operational phase last the life of the wind farm, typically 20-30 years. Direct construction jobs and operations and maintenance jobs both require highly-skilled workers in the fields of construction, management, and engineering. These well-paid professionals boost economic development in rural communities where new employment opportunities are welcome due to economic downturns (Reategui and Tegen, 2008). Accordingly, it is important to not just look at the number of jobs but also the earnings that they produce. The earnings impacts from the Prairie Breeze Wind Farm are shown in Table 3 and are categorized by construction impacts and operations impacts. The new local earnings during construction total over \$1.6 million for Antelope County, over \$200,000 for Boone County, over \$1.5 million for the region and over \$46 million for the State of Nebraska. The new local long term earnings total over \$700,000 for Antelope County, over \$175,000 for Boone County, over \$830,000 for the region and over \$1.4 million for the State of Nebraska.

**Table 3 Total Earnings Impact from the Prairie Breeze Wind Farm**

Wind power projects increase the property tax base of a county, creating a new revenue source for education and other local government services. According to the JEDI model, the Prairie Breeze Wind Farm will generate more than \$1.2 million in annual property taxes when it is built.

Landowners benefit when they lease their land to wind developers because of the stabilized income stream. According to the model's results, the Prairie Breeze Wind Farm will generate more than \$800,000 annually in extra income for Nebraska landowners who lease their land for the project.

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VII. Curriculum Vita – David G. Loomis (latest CV will be inserted here)

**EXHIBIT J**  
**LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

*Please see the following document*

J- Letters of Support

December 1, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

As farmers in the Orchard, Nebraska area, we support Upstream Wind Project in Antelope County. Our economy will benefit in these hard times with this in our area. Farmers/landowners can use the extra income and farmers who make money, spend money on updating and improving their own businesses which in turn improves local economies. In the project's lifetime, landowner payments and nameplate capacity tax will provide over \$40 million to our residents and the county, from what we understand, and that sounds like a great boost to our economy. Then there's the bringing in/hiring construction workers which brings activity to already established businesses, another boost! And as small communities and schools struggle to grow or even stay alive, hiring full-time employees to operate and maintain the Upstream farm can be a great step in that direction. Our communities need jobs to bring in or keep our young families in our area. We see Upstream Wind project as a benefit in that direction. Plus providing a clean, renewable source of energy is something which not only helps our area but the whole nation.

Sincerely,

Terry + Patricia Hemenway  
86198 513<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Orchard NE 68764

*Terry Hemenway*  
*Patricia Hemenway*

Cell: 402-929-0445 home 402-893-2422

Nov. 16, 2015.

To Whom it may Concern

I believe that the  
Inuenergy wind tower  
project will be good for  
our Community. It will  
benefit the Economy of  
our Community by bringing  
more jobs to our County  
and also more tax revenue.

Sincerely

Karen Peterson



Dave Schrader <schrader\_dc@live.com> support From: Geier Rick <rickgeier3@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 11:08 AM To: schrader\_dc@live.com Subject: Letter of  
support Dave, Thanks for helping with a letter of support for the U  
To  
Geier Rick  
Today at 9:34 AM

support

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My Name is David Schrader I have lived in Antelope Co.all my life. My family and I live and farm in the Neligh, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind project in Antelope County.

Our rural areas need economic development. The Upstream project will help diversify our rural economy by providing payments to landowners through land agreements already in place with a large amount of these dollars being put back into our local economy. Antelope County residents will benefit from the nameplate capacity tax which will provide levelized payments over the life of the project. Together the landowner payments and nameplate capacity tax will provide over \$40 million in payments to Antelope County and its residents over the life of the project.

During the construction phase of the project the local economy will benefit from the large number of workers, approximately 200, in the area. After construction is complete fourteen full time employees will be needed to operate and maintain the Upstream farm, which would again benefit and strengthen our local communities by offering jobs for residents and also bringing young families to the area with school age and younger children.

In summary, economic development is important for our local community, county, state and country along with providing clean, renewable wind energy which supports US energy independence. I ask for your support to move the Upstream project forward. Thank you for your time and consideration.

David Schrader

[Reply](#), [Reply All](#) or [Forward](#) | [More](#)

On Monday, November 16, 2015 8:40 PM, Stan Heithoff <stanheithoff@hotmail.com> wrote:

To who it may concern,

My name is Stan Heithoff. My family and I live in the Elgin area. I am writing this letter in support of the Upstream Wind Energy Project. The project will help diversify our rural economy with payments to farmer participants and added jobs to our area. It will give local stores more business to help the local economy. As a District 18 school board member I have seen the great importance of the name plate tax. The added revenue from it has allowed our district to lower our levy giving property tax relief to everyone in our district. Once again, I hope you fully support the Upstream project. Thank

you, Stan Heithoff

Sent from my iPhone

To Whom It May Concern,

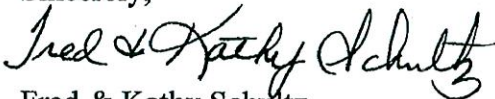
My name is Kathy Schultz. My family and I live and farm in the Clearwater, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind Energy project in Antelope County.

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In summary, economic development is important for our local community, county, state and country along with providing clean, renewable wind energy which supports US energy independence. I ask for your support to move the Upstream project forward. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred & Kathy Schultz".

Fred & Kathy Schultz  
51964 855 RD  
Clearwater, NE 68726

Home: 402-877-4064



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Sincerely, *Robert Kee* *Sherlene Kee*

Robert & Sherlene Kee  
53471 848<sup>th</sup> Rd  
Tilden, NE 68781

Home: (402) 368-5944

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Sincerely,

Roger and GERALYN Kee  
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Tilden, NE 68781

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Roger and GERALYN', written in dark ink.

Home: (402) 368-5944

To Whom It May Concern,

My Name is Levern Hauptman. My family and I live and farm in the Neligh, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind Energy project in Antelope County.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Levern Hauptman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

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To Whom It May Concern,

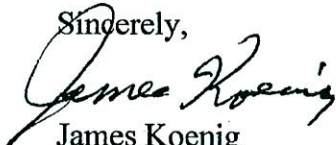
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Phone: 402-929-0135

November 12, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

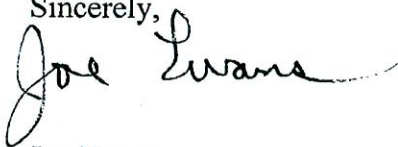
My Name is Joe Evans. My family and I live and farm in the Oakdale, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind project in Antelope County.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Evans". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" being more prominent and the last name "Evans" following in a similar style.

Joe Evans  
84629 529<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Oakdale, NE 68761  
Phone: (402) 776-2610

To Whom It May Concern,

My Name is Harlan Good. My family and I live and farm in the Neligh, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind Energy project in Antelope County.

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Sincerely,



Harlan Good  
51925 855 RD  
Clearwater, NE 68726

Home: 402-887-4284



To Whom It May Concern,

My Name is Lyle Dredge. My family and I live and farm in the Neligh, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind Energy project in Antelope County.

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Sincerely,



Lyle Dredge  
52277 853 RD  
Neligh, NE 68756

Home: 402-887-4297



November 12, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

My Name is Robert Bennett. My family and I live and farm in the Neligh, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind project in Antelope County.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert W. Bennett". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Robert Bennett  
52451 854th Rd  
Neligh, NE 68756  
Phone: (402) 887-4655

October 15, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

My Name is Dan Olson. My family and I live and farm in the Clearwater and Neligh, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind project in Antelope County.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Olson".

Dan Olson  
85347 519<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Clearwater, NE 68726

Cell 402-750-2133

November 12, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

My Name is Caroline Jaeke. My family and I live and farm in the Clearwater, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind project in Antelope County.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caroline Jaeke".

Caroline Jaeke  
51731 855 Rd  
Clearwater, NE 68726

Home: 402-485-2575



November 16, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

My Name is David Hoffman. My family and I live and farm in the Clearwater, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind project in Antelope County.

Our rural areas need economic development. The Upstream project will help diversify our rural economy by providing payments to landowners through land agreements already in place with a large amount of these dollars being put back into our local economy. Antelope County residents will benefit from the nameplate capacity tax which will provide levelized payments over the life of the project. Together the landowner payments and nameplate capacity tax will provide over \$40 million in payments to Antelope County and its residents over the life of the project.

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Sincerely,

David Hoffman  
85325 518 Ave  
Clearwater, NE 68726

 11/16/15  
Cell: 402-640-8380 Home: 402-485-9237

November 15, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,


My Name is Randy Hupp. My family and I live and farm in the Neligh, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind project in Antelope County.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Hupp".

Randy Hupp  
P.O. Box #1  
1404 N. 8<sup>th</sup> St.  
O'Neill, NE 68763  
402-340-6254

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Marilyn Rader. My family and I live and farm in the Neligh, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind Energy project in Antelope County.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marilyn Rader', written in a cursive style.

Marilyn Rader  
52364 862 Road  
Brunswick, NE 68720

Home: 402-929-0794



To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Mike Gustman. My family and I live and farm in the Neligh, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind Energy project in Antelope County.

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Sincerely,

Mike Gustman  
85813 532 Ave  
Plainview, NE 68769

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael O. Gustman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Cell: 402-851-0434 Home: 402-582-4613



To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Sharon Gustman. My family and I live and farm in the Neligh, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind Energy project in Antelope County.

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Sincerely,

Sharon Gustman  
85813 532 Ave  
Plainview, NE 68769

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Gustman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Home: 402-582-4613

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Galen Rader. My family and I live and farm in the Neligh, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind Energy project in Antelope County.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Galen Rader". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'G' and 'R'.

Galen Rader  
52364 862 Road  
Brunswick, NE 68720

Home: 402-929-0794

To Whom It May Concern,

My Name is Art Tanderup. My family and I live and farm in the Neligh, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind Energy project in Antelope County.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Art Tanderup". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Art Tanderup

52343 857 RD  
Neligh, NE 68756  
Home: 402-887-1396



To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Marvin Sands. My family and I live and farm in the Neligh, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind Energy project in Antelope County.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marvin Sands', with a stylized, flowing script.

Marvin Sands  
52625 853 RD  
Neligh, NE 68756

Cell: 402-649-3196 Home: 402-887-5502

To Whom It May Concern,


My Name is Greg Mullins. My family and I live and farm in the Neligh, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind Energy project in Antelope County.

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Sincerely,



Greg Mullins  
85796 531<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Plainview, NE 68769

Cell: 402-640-7857

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Bert Dozler. My family and I live and farm in the Elgin, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind Energy project in Antelope County.

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Sincerely,

Bert Dozler  
202 North 5th  
Elgin, NE 68636

Home: 402-843-5558

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bert Dozler".



To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Janet Dozler. My family and I live and farm in the Elgin, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind Energy project in Antelope County.

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Sincerely,



Janet Dozler  
202 North 5th  
Elgin, NE 68636

Home: 402-843-5558

To Whom It May Concern,

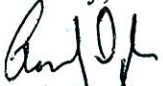
My name is Randy Dozler. My family and I live and farm in the Elgin, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind Energy project in Antelope County.

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Sincerely,



Randy Dozler  
1188 195 Ave  
Petersburg, NE 68652

Home: 402-843-6555

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Bob Dozler. My family and I live and farm in the Elgin, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind Energy project in Antelope County.

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Sincerely,

Bob Dozler  
207 South 4<sup>th</sup> St  
Elgin, NE 68636

Home: 402-843-5558





To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Tamara Dozler. My family and I live and farm in the Elgin, Nebraska area. The purpose of my letter today is to express my support for the Upstream Wind Energy project in Antelope County.

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Tamara Dozler  
1188 195 Ave  
Petersburg, NE 68652

Home: 402-843-6555